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Dear Harold -

Thanks for your 6/12 letter. I continue to feel Morrow's book may have more influence than you would accord it, especially as material from it was supplied privately to the 'Frank Church' Committee and the author has offered to testify in secret session, supplying further and more classified details. As you say, the point is "Does he serve another interest?" I think so. I think the book is the core of a major neo cover-up effort, & a radically neo approach i.e. co-opt the critics. Anyway, I'm glad you triggered me into getting my thoughts on it pulled together and down on paper before they faded away.

I still think McDonald glib but sincere - sort of a less sophisticated Garrison.

Wish I could be good news financially for you and your legal work. I felt more secure some years ago when I helped - or tried to - Roger and Holly Craig. Now a combination of stock market losses, medical problems & expenses, & inflation have me in bad shape and I can't contribute anything substantial. Hope to be better 'news' to the long effort in other ways (and think I can). Can Huggie Field help? Jones Harn's? Penn Jones? Fensterwald? Perhaps there are new people who haven't yet gone broke.

I was surprised and saddened to learn of Russo's death. In Betrayal p. 227, Morrow writes

"Perry Raymond Russo lived to testify for Jim Garrison against Clay Shaw in the 1967 conspiracy trial. He died less than a year

The enclosed notes were written before your letter came. I send them along anyway. And here's a check to help with the costs of the legal work. Of course my best wishes go with it.

Sincerely,

McDonald

Later, reportedly of a cerebral hemorrhage
Similar to that which ended the life of David Ferrie

On the Bledsoe matter - there isn't real proof, but I find this Penn Jones account probably true. It "figures."

"THE PHOT THICKENS"

April 10, 1969

"Mrs. Mary Bledsoe's death was reported in The Mirror last week. Since then we have learned that she said her son was acquainted with David Ferrie. Oswald was a member of Captain David Ferrie's Civil Air Patrol unit in New Orleans. Just another amazing coincidence that Oswald lived with Mrs. Bledsoe for one week and that she said she recognized Oswald on the city bus. Coincidence -? Bunk, pure unadulterated bunk."

Jones FORGIVE MY GRIEF III, p. 70

I agree with Penn that it was probably not coincidence - Oswald's stay with her - and her alleged recognition of him on the bus. I think Roger Craig saw the real Oswald. Oswald admitted Craig was right. Oswald's fumbling story about taking a bus to the movie theatre (something like that) had to be revised, & struck me as phony.

Also I keep in mind that Ruth Paine took her children to a dentist named Dr. Bledsoe on the morning of Nov. 22. It's just possible there's some connection here. Mrs. Bledsoe's son should be queried on his acquaintances with Ferrie. Also if he knows the dentist.

Am glad to learn your good opinion of Sen. Schweiker.

City Sen. LeVitt has long had Rockefeller connections. Think I read this in a NYTimes Magazine article at the time he was appointed. So I don't expect much there -- in a way like Jaworski. They present such a good image.